

A LARGE BANKRUPT STOCK OF Hot Guns and Rifles

Of all kinds for sale at

JACKSON'S GUN STORE,

Water St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Remember that I keep all kinds of hunting, and sporting goods on hand and that I am not undersold by any dealer in Southern Michigan. Winchester repeating rifles sizes at \$10, \$11 and \$14 each; see the old and new models. Quackenbush 22 calibre and other shot guns; Winchester repeating shot gun, 12 gauge, one Parker Bros. double barrel shot gun, second-hand at \$20 and I have double break loading shot guns, both 10 and 12 gauge, \$10, \$11 and \$12 each; single barrel shot loaders, both new and second-hand at \$5, and \$7 each; muzzle loading shot guns at the best prices, loaded paper shells 10, 12 and 16 gauge, a leader at 35 cents per box. I have the old shots, Rivals and U. M. C. in largest stock, that you can be suited on shot sizes; a full complete line of Winchester, Colts and Martini cartridges at winning prices; 25 different sizes of revolver cartridges. B. B. Floberts blanks, Laftin & Rand's shot gun; rifle and wing powder, smokeless powder for rifles shot guns; shot gun fixtures; brass shells, lead and unlead; buck, common shot and shot; reloading tools for rifles and shot guns; ridge belts and shell bags, hunting coats, hats, canvas game bags and belts for traps, powder flasks and shot pouches; prisms, snipe, turkey and duck calls; shot gun loaded with smokeless powder, bowlers and knives for hunters, pasteboard and wads, waterproof and G. D. gun caps. All of new and second-hand revolvers. My prices are 22 center fire at \$1.50, 32 and 38 center at \$1.75. These guns are all of the Bull-Head pattern and they are all right. I am selling the 32 and 38 center fire both blue and silver, and shot rubber handle rifle barrel, cylinder, break down, shell ejector, 44 barrel, Smith & Wesson pattern for \$2. I can have a large stock of Iver Johnson, Remington & Richardson to select from. And I have that for a leader on guns? Holders for traps and cases for guns and rifles, dark covers for coon hunters and Newhouse traps, whippers, compasses, boxing gloves, iron handle dumbbells, punching bags, foot balls, slings and sizes, sling shots, billies and hies, dog chains, collars and muzzles.

Kinds of Shot Guns and Rifles to

Rent by the Day or Week

My Marlin safety rifles of all sizes, air and B. B. shot for air rifles, sling shots, and anything that will shoot, you will find at Jackson's. One 7x7 and 1 7x9 wedge for sale cheap. If you have got a good shot gun or revolver and want to sell it I will buy it. I have a large Colt revolver, 45 and 45, a Remington large 44 at \$5.

Redeemed Gold and Silver watches

of all kinds

Twenty-seven solid gold rings, banjos, guinea violins at 1/2 first cost. Trading men over my watch stock. I can always stock up on bargains. I have dealt in fishing and sporting goods in Benton Harbor years. I buy cheaper than any other and I will not be undersold. SECOND-HAND BOOKS WANTED. I do not handle books. After November 1st I will pay market price for all kinds of raw furs. Remember that I loan money on all kinds of real property, and I always have about 14 loads of second-hand truck of all kinds. I also cash the time checks of the Construction company.

CHAS. A. JACKSON

is in Almost Everything.

Attention, Ladies of G. A. R.

The next meeting of Henry C. Rowe and ladies of the G. A. R., will be Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p. m. Let every member be present will be the annual election of officers. By order of ELLEN D. PLUMMER, President. LILLIE L. WARD, Secretary.

Ladies' gold filled watches as low as and warranted at Hollis & Son's.

WISH HOLIDAY.

Now Being Celebrated in This City.

The Jewish holiday Hanukkah began evening and it is being celebrated by twenty Hebrew families in this city.

The celebration will last eight days.

Evening in the homes of the faithful candle was burning, tonight two live their light, the number of candles increasing every night by one eight candles give a blaze of light the eighth night.

AT TWO MEALS.

Suggestions About Food to be Used Every Day.

People understand the real facts of the Cereal Coffee that is so used now-a-days. Some who trial of Postum in its early experience were disappointed at the flavor preparation and abandoned those who learned the secret of preparation for the table, discovered most delicious beverage was the of continuous boiling 15 or 20 after boiling commences. Food value in Postum is extra and its continuous use will sturdy and healthy adults or where heretofore a condition invalidism may have existed, by the daily drugging of coffee, are more susceptible to the effect of coffee on the heart, stomach and than others.

Now exist who will not find a steady growth towards and perfect health, by the use of Food Coffee and entire bread or wheat or oats for at two of the meals each day.

It is the surest and most satisfactory method of obtaining the facts for individual

who have not been successful in good Postum will find the directions on package, will insure work in preparation.

WITH THE JUDGES.

Fate of the Contestants in the Dinner Contest Will Be Made Public Tomorrow.

NEARLY 50 WOMEN IN IT.

The Judges Are Having a Task in Deciding Which Dinner is Really the Best.

The judges in THE EVENING NEWS prize Christmas dinner contest are in session this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John T. Owens, one of the judges. The other members of the committee are Mrs. R. M. Jones and Mrs. J. M. Allmendinger.

Nearly fifty ladies entered the contest and the task of deciding which menu is really the best will puzzle the ladies. All show an exceptional amount of study and a knowledge of what constitutes a good meal. Before the bills of fare were submitted to the judges the names of the contestants were chopped off and one is designated from the other only by its number. So the judges cannot be charged in their decision of showing any favoritism.

Had the judges been selected from among the gentlemen they would have insisted that the contest be made more practical by being allowed to sample the different \$2 dinners, and it would have taken them fifty days to make the rounds.

The name of the winner and the menu that won will be announced in THE NEWS tomorrow.

CAUGHT IN ICE.

Schooner X-10-U-8 Will Spend the Winter Here.

The schooner X-10-U-8, Capt. Allers master, came into this port for shelter Saturday and is now frozen in. She will spend the winter here.

The boat has on 300 bushels of fine apples that were destined to Michigan City. He will sell them at 50 cents a bushel.

The boat is at the city docks.

Pictures for holiday gifts at Judson E. Rice's, 156 Pipestone street. 634tf

TELEGRAPH.

Berrien Springs Will Hear Postal Clicks Tonight.

Buchanan, Dec. 20.—The first message over the new Postal telegraph line was sent this morning from the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus station to the village.

The line will be in such a shape tonight that the first message to Berrien Springs will be sent.

The Postal people are looking for a large business.

THE WINNERS.

School Dreams Finds "The Evening News" the Best Medium.

The publishers of the school paper, "School Dreams" declare that THE EVENING NEWS is the best advertising medium in the city. The publishers started practically the same advertisement in the two Benton Harbor dailies at the same time and in all 97 answers were received. 58 of these were answers to the advertisement in THE EVENING NEWS and 37 answers to the Palladium and two were uncertain as to which notice they resulted from.

The Palladium too had the advantage as in that paper the contest was advertised to close December 18 and in THE NEWS on December 14, four days earlier. THE NEWS was also handicapped in another way: The week before School Dreams advertised a quite similar contest in this paper and received 98 answers while it never advertised in the Palladium. All advertisers who keep tab on results have the same experience.

The \$5 prize was won by the following, it being divided in five equal parts of \$1 each: Frank King and Lewis Burridge, Benton Harbor; U. S. Gregg, Coloma; Dessie Gauglar, Berrien Springs; Zora Wigent, Watervliet.

A BRIGHT PREACHER.

Rev. Geo. B. Rodgers who Preached at the Universalist Church.

Rev. Geo. B. Rodgers, pastor of the first Universalist church at Decatur, Mich., exchanged pulpits yesterday with Rev. G. A. Sahlin, of the First Universalist church of this city. He was greeted by a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Rodgers is a native of Michigan and a graduate of the Lombard college, of Galesburg, Ill., his present church being his first charge, having only graduated last July. He is a very bright and interesting speaker, of pleasing address and has a very bright future before him.

Mr. Rodgers was entertained at dinner yesterday by Miss Collins, teacher of music at Benton Harbor college, whose home is at Decatur. He returned home this afternoon.

A FINE CONCERT.

GIVEN LAST EVENING BY THE CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR.

A Large Audience Listened to one of the Finest Sacred Concerts Ever Given Here.

The pews and standing room at the First Congregational church last night were occupied by people who were called out to listen to the Christmas concert given by the choir under the directorship of the talented choirmaster, A. P. Cady.

The concert was in the form of a cantata, the first part being representative of the prophecies in regard to the coming of the Messiah while the second part related to the fulfillment of the prophecies.

Every one in this city knows what the Congregational choir can do and their reputation was fully sustained in last night's concert. Professor Nelson who made his reputation long ago surprised even his admirers by the way he handled the organ and the words of a musical critic who enjoyed the music last evening were, "Why, he walked all over the organ."

The choir was assisted by little Marion Barton of St. Joseph, the tiny bit of a child who played the violin exquisitely. This little lady will appear in the Evening News Newsboys' Band concert in this city December 29. The following is the program which was rendered last evening:

Chorus—"Sing, O Heavens."
Bass solo—Charles Jennings.
Tenor solo and chorus—"Fear Thou Not."

Alto solo—"Hail Bethlehem," Miss Clara Edmunds, with violin obligato.
Offertory—Violin solo, Little Marion Barton.

Male quartette, "O, Holy Night."
"There Were Shepherds," soprano solo, Mrs. A. P. Cady; baritone solo, Charles Jennings; ladies' chorus and male quartette.

Duet, "Bright Star," Mrs. Cady and Mrs. Cole.
"March of the Magi," male chorus and organ.

Soprano solo—Mrs. Stone.
Final chorus.

CROSSINGS IN.

New Street Railway People Worked On Sunday.

The managers of the Benton Harbor and Eastman Springs street railway company put in their crossings across the Big Four and the M., B. H. & C. tracks yesterday.

It was necessary to work on Sunday in order not to delay traffic.

RELEASED.

Henderson's Bondsmen Breathe Free and Happy Again.

This morning Circuit Court Commissioner St. Clair issued an order to release the bondsmen who signed themselves as sureties in the case of James W. Henderson. The bondsmen are happy.

The proceedings did not exactly suit the attorneys of the bondsmen as Attorney O'Hara unexpectedly was not present to object to the proceedings and they fear he may have an ace up his sleeve.

Mr. O'Hara stated to THE NEWS this afternoon that on December 30 he would get out an execution on Henderson's body and then if Henderson was not here it might be a question whether the bondsmen had been really released or not.

Henderson is here yet and is likely to remain.

Grant's Name.

Would it have made any difference in history if Grant's initials had not been emblematic of his country—"U. S., United States? They also stand for Uncle Sam and unconditional surrender. Suppose he had gone to West Point as Hiram and the boys had called him Hi for short. Suppose he had gone there as Hiram Ulysses instead of Ulysses Hiram and the cadets had called him "H. U. G., Hug. Would not that have made a change in his career? We never had a public man to make so many changes in his name as did Grant. Hiram Ulysses, Ulysses Hiram, Ulysses Sidney and Ulysses Simpson were the variations.—New York Press.

Love Sifted Down.

A certain learned judge in New York (all judges are learned) handed down this opinion the other day along with some sage counsel to a poor man who had been contemplating the illegal act known as felo de se, or self slaughter.

"Don't get so melancholy and love sick about a woman," said the judge, speaking as one having experience and authority. "There are others. Love doesn't amount to much when you sift it down."

Not From Ambush.

The judge said to the colored witness: "Will you swear the man was shot from ambush?"

"No, suh, I won't, kase he wuz shot fum behin' a pine tree."—Atlanta Constitution.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascara Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Smoke the "Columbia" 5 cent cigar.

THE WEATHER.

\$200,000.

Chicago Company Organizing to Develop Excelsior Spring.

Mayor Bell has returned from Chicago where he was in consultation with several gentlemen of wealth, who are organizing a company with a capital of \$200,000 to develop the Excelsior Mineral water in this city.

If this company succeeds it will build one of the finest sanitariums in the state.

Have you seen Wallace Bros.' fine line of candy, 110 Pipestone street?

Silver thimbles at Hollis & Son's at 20 cents each.

For Christmas Photos visit A. D. Lacy's.

WATCH



THIS SPACE THIS WEEK.....

Holly!
Holly!
Tuesday, Dec. 21

PER DOZEN
Oranges - 12c
Oranges - 20c
Oranges - 30c
Oranges - 40c

PER LB.
Mixed Candy 5c
P'nut Taffy - 15c
Xmas Holly 25c
Winesap Apples per peck, 35c

Rogers Bros'. Silverware at practically your own price.

C. J. Brown,
The Grocer,
114 East Main St.

Does He Smoke?

We mean your Husband, Sweet-heart, Brother or Uncle.

If he does, call and examine that elegant line of

HOLIDAY PIPES now on sale at

Dr. Fabry's Drug Store
110 Water Street...



GRAND : FRUIT : SALE

ALL THIS WEEK.

Prices on Choice Fruits:

Oranges—14c., 18c. and 22c. per dozen.

Lemons—10c. per dozen.

Bananas—10c. per dozen.

Good Mixed Candy—10c. lb. 3 lbs. for 25c.

Mixed Nuts—10c. lb.

Figs, Dates, Raisens, Apples for eating and Apples for cooking.

HERR BROS.

Caterers to those who want the best, and selling tickets for The Evening News Newsboys' Band Concert.

Have Got to Move..

Before March 15 we must change our business location and we are anxious to close out as much of our stock as possible before we move. Our line of



Watches.
Diamonds,
Silverware and
Sterling
Silver Novelties,

Is the finest in this part of the state and the prices will hardly be first cost of the goods.

Holiday Buyers

Are requested to inspect our stock and get prices before buying elsewhere. We carry a large stock of Haviland and Delft China Ware which must be sold quick.

TEETZEL & HAYDON

Reliable Jewelers, Jones & Sonner Block..

SPECIAL LAMP SALE

...ALL NEXT WEEK

The finest assortment of Banquet, Hanging and Hand Lamps in the city. Will be sold at cost.

FINE CHINA..

Our assortment is new and complete and our prices will enable you to buy two presents with the money you expected to spend for one.

F. M. ROWE

137 Pipestone Street, Sweet Block..

Enterprise Mercantile Co.

Hansen Block, 116 East Main Street.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE.

This will be the greatest shopping week of the year. Everyone is getting ready for a visit from Santa Claus. We are prepared to help Santa Claus select articles for the young and old. Our list comprises:

Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mittens, Dolls, Fancy Boxes, Fancy Bottles, Albums, Baby Bonnets, Baby Cloaks, Feather Boas, Dress Patterns, Jackets, Capes, Blankets, Purse, FASCINATORS, PILLOW SHAMS, Etc.

This is only a partial list of what we have. All will be sold at the lowest prices. You will save money if you will come and look at our goods and buy.

ENTERPRISE MERCANTILE CO.

WE ARE THE LEADERS

..Other Dealers Follow Our Lead..

Beginning Wednesday Morning, December 1,

The following Prices on UNDERWEAR will take effect:

Children's, Misses' and Boys' Vests and Pants, sizes 16 to 34, from 11c to 30c.
Children's, Misses and Boys' Merino Vests and Pants, sizes 16 to 34, from 10c to 30c.
Boys' Heavy Fleece, all sizes, 25c.
Children's, Misses' and Boys' strictly all wool Vests and Pants, all sizes, 18c to 60c.
Ladies' fleeced lined Vests and Pants, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Ladies' fine ribbed all wool, 85c and \$1.00.
Ladies' extra weight, all wool flat goods, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
Ladies' extra weight, all wool scarlet goods, \$1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, fleeced lined, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, half wool, \$1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, Oneida, all wool, \$1.40 to \$3.00.
Ladies' equestrienne tights, all wool, black, \$1.00 and \$1.40.
Men's heavy merino, camel hair and natural random, at 25c.
The best fleeced lined in the market, 50c.
Heavy camel's hair, 60c.
Swiss-Combe, best made, \$1.00.
Outing flannels, 8c, worth 10c.

JAMES POUND

...112 E. MAIN ST. HULBURD BLOCK...

FIRE! - - FIRE! - - FIRE!

GREAT SALE OF

BOOTS

AND **SHOES.**

Smoked but not Damaged.

M. S. PECK'S

COME NOW.

109 Pipestone St.

C. H. Soule

Will Give You a Few Cash Prices

Rock Candy drip syrup, per gal....	20c	1 can Tomatoes.....	07
19 lbs G Sugar.....	\$1.00	1 large bottle catsup.....	10
1 lb package corn starch.....	05	1 lb of coconut.....	15
Large bottle blueing.....	03	One half pound coconut.....	10
1 pkg white chip soap.....	08	1 pound Bakers chocolate.....	17
1 sack salt.....	03	1 package sweet chocolate.....	07
12 bars soap.....	25	Oat meal per package.....	08
Salt pork per pound.....	25	8 pounds of best oat meal.....	25
6 bars Ivory soap.....	25	1 gal oil can with wood jacket.....	10
1 lb crackers.....	05	1 lb Sal Soda.....	02
1 lb good coffee.....	10	1 lb Rice.....	05
1 lb of 50c tea for.....	33	1 pkg Arm & Hammer Saleratus.....	05
1 lb can Salmon.....	10	All kinds of pure spices, Cinnamon,	
1 lb Raisins.....	06	Allspice, Cloves, Pepper, Mustard in	
1 lb of 60c tea for.....	45	pound lots.....	25
1 can of corn.....	07		

The above prices are for cash only and goods of the very best quality at live and let live prices. Watch this ad.

C. H. SOULE..

**Quality a Little Better
Price no Higher...**

These two mottoes explain the secret of our great success in the grocery business. If you are dissatisfied where trading now, if you often receive goods of poor quality, try us. Goods delivered everywhere.

MICHAEL & BEENY

'twin City Telephone 145.

Pipestone, near Britain

KEEP YOUR BOWELS STRONG ALL SUMMER!

CANDY CATHARTIC

Pascarets

CURE CONSTIPATION

REGULATE THE LIVER

ALL DRUGGISTS

25¢ 30¢

A tablet now and then will prevent diarrhea, dysentery, all summer complaint, causing easy, natural results. Sample and book of free. Ad. WHEELING KENNEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can. or New York, 20c

THE EVENING NEWS

25 CENTS A MONTH

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON THE GEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE.

A Sermon of Interest to All, Showing That Geology Confirms the Truth of the Word of God—The Rock of Ages.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The throngs coming to Dr. Talmage's preaching service at the First Presbyterian church are all the time increasing and far beyond the capacity of his church to hold. In this sermon he discusses a subject interesting to all—viz., "The Geology of the Bible; or, God Among the Rocks." The text is II Samuel vi, 6, 7: "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God smote him there for his error, and there he died by the ark of God."

A band of music is coming down the road, cornets blown, timbrels struck, harps thrummed and cymbals clapped, all led on by David, who was himself a musician. They are ahead of a wagon on which is the sacred box called the ark. The yoke of oxen drawing the wagon imperiled it. Some critics say that the oxen kicked, being struck with the driver's goad, but my knowledge of oxen leads me to say that if on a hot day they see a shadow of a tree or wall, they are apt to suddenly shy off to get the coolness of the shadow. I think these oxen so suddenly turned that the sacred box seemed about to upset and be thrown to the ground. Uzzah rushed forward and laid hold of the ark to keep it upright. But he had no right to do so. A special command had been given by the Lord that no one save the priest under any circumstances should touch that box. Nervous and excited and irreverent, Uzzah disobeyed when he took hold of the ark, and he died as a consequence. In all ages, and never more so than in our own day, there are good people all the time afraid that the Holy Bible, which is the sacred ark of our time, will be upset, and they have been a long while afraid that science, and especially geology, would overthrow it.

While we are not forbidden to touch the holy book and, on the contrary, are urged to fondle and study it, any one who is afraid of the overthrow of the book is greatly offending the Lord with his unbelief. The oxen have not yet been yoked which can upset that ark of the world's salvation. Written by the Lord Almighty, he is going to protect it until its mission is fulfilled and there shall be no more need of a Bible because all its prophecies will have been fulfilled and the human race will have exchanged worlds. A trumpet and a violin are very different instruments, but they may be played in perfect accord. So the Bible account of the creation of the world and the geological account are different—one story written on parchment and the other on the rocks and yet in perfect and eternal accord. The word "day," repeated in the first chapter of Genesis, has thrown into paroxysms of criticism many exegetes. The Hebrew word "yom" of the Bible means some times what we call a day, and sometimes it means ages. It may mean 24 hours or 100,000,000 years. The order of creation as written in the book of Genesis is the order of creation discovered by geologists' crowbar. So many Uzzahs have been nervously rushing about for fear the strong oxen of scientific discovery would upset the Bible that I went somewhat apprehensively to look into the matter, when I found that the Bible and geology agree in saying that first were built the rocks, then the plants greened the earth, then marine creatures were created from minnow to whale, then the wings and throats of aerial choirs were colored and tuned, and the quadrupeds began to bleat and bellow and neigh. What is all this fuss that has been filling the church and the world concerning a fight between Moses and Agassiz? There is no fight at all. But is not the geological impression that the world was millions of years building antagonistic to the theory of one week's creation in Genesis? No. A great house is to be built. A man takes years to draw to the spot the foundation stone and the heavy timbers. The house is about done, but it is not finished for comfortable residence. Suddenly the owner calls in upholsterers, plumbers, gas fitters, paper hangers, and in one week it is ready for occupancy.

Now, it requires no stretch of imagination to realize that God could have taken millions of years for the bringing of the rocks and the timbers of this world together, yet only one week more to make it inhabitable and to furnish it for human residence. Remember also that all up and down the Bible the language of the times was used—human language—and it was not always to be taken literally. Just as when it is said that the world is round when it is not round. It is spheroidal—flattened at the poles and protuberant at the equator. Professor Snell, with his chain of triangles, and Professor Varin, with the shortened pendulum of his clock, found it was not round. But we do not become critical of any one who says the world is round. Let us deal as fairly with Moses or Job as we do with each other.

Everlastingly Right.

But for years good people feared geology, and without any exploration on their part apprehended that the rocks and mountains would fall on them until Hugh Miller, the lord of St. John's Presbyterian church in Edinburgh and parishioner of Dr. Guthrie, came forth and told the world that there was no contradiction between the mountains and the church, and O. M. Mitchell, a brilliant lecturer before he became brigadier general, dying at Beaufort, S. C., during our civil war, took the platform and spread his map of the strata of rock in the presence of great audiences, and Professor Alexander Winchell of Michigan university and Professor Taylor Lewis of Union college showed that the "without form and void" of the first chapter of Genesis was the very chaos out of which the world was formulated, the hands of God packing together the land and tossing up the mountains into great heights and flinging down the seas into their great depths. Before God gets through with this world there will hardly be a book of the Bible that will not find confirmation either in archaeology or geology. Exhumed Babylon, Ninevah, Jerusalem, Tyre and Egyptian hieroglyphics are crying out in the ears of the world: "The Bible is right! All right! Everlastingly right!" Geology is saying the same thing, not only confirming the truth about the original creation, but confirming so many passages of the Scriptures that I can only slightly refer to them.

But you do not really believe that story of the deluge and the sinking of the mountains under the waves. Tell us something we can believe. "Believe that," says geology, "for how do you account for those seashells and seaweeds and skeletons of sea animals found on the top of some of

you put them there?" But, now, you do not really believe that story about the storm of fire and brimstone whelming Sodom and Gomorrah, and enwrapping Lot's wife in such saline incrustations that she halted, a sack of salt. For the confirmation of that story the geologist goes to that region, and after trying in vain to take a swim in the lake, so thick with salt he cannot swim it—the lake beneath which Sodom and Gomorrah lie buried, one drop of the water so full of sulphur and brimstone that it stings your tongue, and for hours you cannot get rid of the nauseating drop—the scientist then digging down and finding sulphur on top of sulphur, brimstone on top of brimstone, while all around there are jets and crags and peaks of salt, and if one of them did not become the sarcophagus of Lot's wife, they show you how a human being might in that tempest have been halted and packed into a white monument that would defy the ages.

But, now, you do not really believe that New Testament story about the earthquake at the time Christ was crucified, do you? Geology digs down into Mount Calvary and finds the rocks ruptured and aslant, showing the work of an especial earthquake for that mountain, and an earthquake which did not touch the surrounding region. Go and look for yourself, and see there a dip and cleavage of rocks as nowhere else on the planet, geology thus announcing an especial earthquake for the greatest tragedy of all the centuries—the assassination of the Son of God.

Confirmed by Geology.

But you do not really believe that story of the burning of our world at the last day? Geology digs down and finds that the center of this globe is incandescent, molten, volcanic, a burning coal, burning out toward the surface, and the internal fires have so far reached the outside rim that I do not see how the world is to keep from complete conflagration until the prophecies concerning it are fulfilled. The lava poured forth from the mouths of Vesuvius, Mount Etna and Cotopaxi and Kilaua is only the regurgitation from an awful inflammation thousands of miles deep. There are mines in Pennsylvania and in several parts of the world that have been on fire for many years. These coal mines burning down and the internal fires of the earth burning up, after awhile these two fires, the descending and the ascending, will meet, and then will occur the universal conflagration of which the Bible speaks when it says, "The elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Instead of disbelieving the Bible story about the final conflagration, since I have looked a little into geology, finding that its explorations are all in the line of confirmation of that prophecy, I wonder how this old craft of a world can keep sailing on much longer. It is like a ship on fire at sea, the fact that the hatches are kept down the only reason that it does not become one complete blaze—masts on fire, ratlines on fire, everything from cutwater to taffrail on fire. After geology has told us how near the internal fires have already burned their way toward the surface, it ought not to be a surprise to us at any time to hear the ringing of the fire bells of a universal conflagration. Oh, I am so glad that geology has been born! Astronomy is grand because it tells us about other worlds. But I must say that I am more interested in our world than in any other world, and geology tells us all about what it was, its cradle and what will be its grave. And this glorious geology is proving itself more and more the friend of theology. Thank God for the testimony of the rocks, the Ten Commandments announced among the split rocks of Sinai, the greatest sermon of Christ preached on the basaltic rocks of the mount of beatitudes, the Saviour dying on the rocks of Golgotha and buried amid the limestone rocks of Joseph's sepulcher, the last day to be ushered in with a rending of rocks and our blessed Lord suggestively entitled the "Rock of Ages." I this day proclaim the banns of a marriage between geology and theology, the rugged bridegroom and the fairest of brides. Let them join their hands, and "whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Never Yet Upset.

If anything in the history or condition of the earth seems for the time contradictory of anything in geology, you must remember that geology is all the time correcting itself and more and more coming to harmonization with the great book. In the last century the French Scientific association printed a list of 80 theories of geology which had been adopted and afterward rejected. Lyell, the scientist, announced 50 theories of geology that had been believed in and afterward thrown overboard. Meanwhile the story of the Bible has not changed at all, and if geology has cast out between 100 and 200 theories which it once considered established we can afford to wait until the last theory of geology antagonizing divine revelation shall have been given up.

Now, in this discourse upon the geology of the Bible, or God among the rocks, I charge all agitated and affrighted Uzzahs to calm their pulses about the upsetting of the Scriptures. Let me see! For several hundred years the oxen have been jerking the ark this way and that and pulling it over rough places and trying to stick it in the mud of decision and kicking with all the power of their hoofs against the sharp goads and trying to pull it into the cool shade away from the heats of retribution from a God "who will by no means clear the guilty." Yet have you not noticed that the book has never been upset? The only changes made in it were by its learned friends in the revision of the Scriptures. The book of Genesis has been thundered against by the mightiest batteries, yet you cannot today find in all the earth a copy of the Bible which has not the 50 chapters of the first copy of the book of Genesis ever printed, starting with the words "In the beginning God" and closing with Joseph's coffin. Fierce attack on the book of Exodus has been made because they said it was cruel to drown Pharaoh and the story of Mount Sinai was improbable. But the book of Exodus remains intact, and not one of us, considering the cruelties which he would have continued among the brick kilns of Egypt, would have thrown Pharaoh a plank if we had seen him drowning. And Mount Sinai is today a pile of tossed and tumbled basalt, recalling the cataclysm of that mountain when the law was given. And, as to those Ten Commandments, all Roman law, all German law, all English law, all American law worth anything are squarely founded on them. So mighty assault for centuries has been made on the book of Joshua. It was said that the story of the detained sun and moon is an insult to modern astronomy, but that book of Joshua may be found today in the chapel

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AFTER THE CHICORA.

Another Inventor Who May Search for the Vessel Lost Three Years Ago.

NEW SUBMARINE BOAT TESTED

It Cruised About Under Water for Four Hours at Baltimore Saturday.

About a month ago, an Oshkosh man who had invented a submarine boat, announced that he intended to search for the Chicora, the vessel which sunk in Lake Michigan three years ago, drowning a score of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph people. As usually happens with inventors, the Oshkosh man encountered nothing out of incredulity and hints that his brain cavity was filled with chainless bicycles. Now another man, Simon Lake of Baltimore, has constructed a similar craft, which was tested last Saturday and proved its ability to remain under water for four hours, meanwhile cruising about on the bottom. In an interview in one of the Baltimore papers, Inventor Lake intimated that he, too, had it in mind to search for the Chicora.

So here are two men, both with vessels capable of navigating under water, and both planning to find the Chicora. Their motives, it is easy to see, are strong ones. The Graham & Morton transportation company has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the location of the lost vessel, which is probably still in force. More than that, success in finding the ship would be one of the biggest advertisements conceivable. The raising of an old scow or barge would not receive much mention in the newspapers, but the wreck of the Chicora was of so tragic a nature and so much time and money has been lost in fruitless efforts to solve the mystery that success at this time would be so sensational an event that the news would be published prominently in every paper in the country, with the result that the inventor would have his fortune made.

Besides all this, there is a deep sentimental interest here in the matter. It would be a satisfaction to the relatives of the drowned men to be able to give Christian burial to the remains, and the hope is general that one inventor or the other will carry out his expressed intention.

A Baltimore dispatch thus describes the craft: There were two descents. As the vessel lay at anchor she looked very much like a miniature monitor. Her decks were covered with water, only the hollow masts towering above, supplying air to those inside.

It was explained that three systems could be used for submerged traveling. With the masts used Friday and which are hollow, permitting air to come in on one side and go out on the other, the vessel can work 40 feet under water. In deeper water hose is used which answers the purposes of supplying air to the gasoline engine, and also applies the crew. In water 100 feet deep, the storage battery is depended upon for power and light, and the compressed air reservoir for the air supply. When the hollow masts are submerged and water pours in, an automatic valve stops the flow. The diver obtains his supply of air from a tube running around the top of the vessel, which contains compressed air.

HESING DEAD.

Former Postmaster of Chicago Dies Very Suddenly.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Washington Hesing, ex-postmaster of Chicago, twice candidate for mayor, and president of the Staats Zeitung company, and for many years a representative citizen, died Saturday evening at 5 o'clock at his residence, Maissou du Lac, 325 Michigan avenue. The end came as peacefully as unexpectedly and the physicians who made the postmortem examination attributed death to heart failure, superinduced by malaria and la grippe.

Early in the afternoon Mr. Hesing was apparently in the full bloom of health, and his pleasanties at the luncheon hour caused his intimate friends to comment on his jovial disposition and the rosy hue of his cheeks. He was alone at home when stricken and when found was dead.

At the time he expired Mrs. Hesing was attending a reception.

Base Libel on Berrien Springs.

Dowagiac News: Berrien Springs is a little tucked-up village over in Berrien county, and its citizens are rather a secluded set. They are ever watchful of strangers, and when an outside person enters their town there is enough inward commotion to make him think he had broken a plate glass wall in entering. It has come to pass that every person who enters Berrien to take up a permanent residence, is subjected to a sort of an obituary examination before the village president stamps them O. K. Their pedigree is looked up and published in the village paper.

Congress Has Adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 20.—After passing the Klondike relief bill congress adjourned on Saturday January 5.

D. W. MITCHELL DEAD.

A Former Resident of This City Died at Utah Tuesday.

D. W. Mitchell, at one time a resident of this city, died in Utah last Tuesday and the body will arrive in this city tonight with burial tomorrow. Mr. Mitchell was 69 years of age and was a brother of W. C. Mitchell of this city.

THE FIRST CHANCE.

To Hear the Newsboys' Band Render a Concert Program.

On Wednesday evening, December 23, the first grand concert ever given by The Evening News Newsboys' band will be heard at the First Methodist church in this city.

The band is composed of 22 boys ranging in ages from 10 to 16 years and there is not a member of the band who does not play his part. The boys have been under the directorship of Prof. Arthur Nelson for the past three months and have made such progress that the people who heard them last summer will not realize that it is the same organization.

In the program the band will be assisted by Marion Barton, a child violinist, who is but 11 years of age. Her accompaniment will be furnished by Mrs. F. B. Christopher. Miss Mericle the talented elocution teacher of the Benton Harbor college will recite her choicest readings. The Mandolin club will play and Master Willie Ludlow will sing his beautiful solo, "The Little Choir Boys' Song."

The program will be interspersed with Overtures, Marches, Waltzes and descriptive pieces by the band.

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Smoking Statistics.

Holland holds the first place in the world as a nation of smokers. Every Dutchman consumes on an average 100 ounces a year. The Belgian comes a good second with an annual consumption of 80 ounces, followed closely by Turkey with 70 ounces and the United States with 60 ounces. Germany, France, Spain and Italy trail closely behind them, while the United Kingdom comes comparatively low on the list with 23 ounces.—London Tit-Bits.

How to Toughen Paper.

A plan for rendering paper as tough as wood or leather, it is said, has been recently introduced on the continent. It consists in mixing chloride of zinc with the pulp in the course of manufacture. It has been found that the greater the degree of concentration of the zinc solution the greater will be the toughness of the paper.

A Great Play.

"I can't afford," said the man of moderate means, "to go to many places of amusement, but I am admitted free to the play with the longest run on record, 'The Struggle of Life.'"—New York Sun.

About the year B. C. 220 edible serpents were sold at a penny each in the Egyptian markets. They were shipped to Rome. Italian vipers were cheaper, costing about a half penny each.

In Asia the average number of inhabitants per square mile is 48; in Africa, 15; in America, 8; in Australia, 1.

CHILDREN'S DREAD.

A Spoon and Bottle Always Look Suspicious.

LITTLE FOLKS WOULD RATHER TAKE DRY MEDICINE.

The up-to-date youngster is always on guard when a spoon and a bottle are brought into view. There are few children who have entirely escaped some bitter or nauseating dose that has left a vivid stamp on their recollections. And in after days, when the little throat is sore, or the nose stuffed up, or there is a cough, a spoonful of anything, no matter how palatable it may be, is the children's bugbear and the occasion for much kicking, sputtering, spilling and spunking. The best way to give a remedy for colds and cough is the dry, soft tablet known as Dr. Leon's Cough Tablets. These are sold in the drug stores at 50 cents a box and are made a trifle sweetish so that they can be dissolved in the month without a suspicion of their being medicine. These tablets are not candy but crumble quickly, are reduced to liquid by the saliva and immediately allay all irritation in the throat, lungs or air passages. And while they are a great convenience when intended for children they are equally efficacious for grown folks. They are prepared by Davis & Morlan, Kalamazoo, Mich., and are perfectly harmless as well as a certain cure. Get a box and see how nicely they act with the children.

THERE'S NO UNBELIEF

Prof. Rodger of Benzonia College Speaks of Religion from a Scientific Standpoint.

TELLS OF HIS OWN STRUGGLES

A Series of Lectures Calculated to Remove All Doubts About Religion.

Prof. George Rodger, president of Benzonia college, began a series of lectures at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning in which he expects to remove the doubts of those who grope after religious light, yet doubt. His first lecture was "Is Faith Reasonable?" and last evening he preached to a large union congregation at the First Methodist church on the "Stream of Life." He closed his argument with this significant statement:

"There is no unbelief. Whoever plants a seed and waits to see it push forth the flower believes in God."

Prof. Rodger was brought up in a Christian home, but when he returned from college he was a skeptic. He could not harmonize the truths of the Bible with the teachings of science. The first sermon that helped to bring back his sight was not preached by a minister, but by a tree, the second sermon by a span of horses and the third by the playing of his companions on the campus.

He closed the Bible, laid upon all the creeds and doctrines of the church, and led the audience into another channel of thought. Wiping all these aside he proceeded to prove to the doubter that there was a loving God, a personality. Every one, he declared, believes. The doubter and the man who claims to unbelieve believes that he himself is a personality and that when at his best he loves, not hates. From this foundation by a convincing line of reasoning he showed that the fountain must be at least as high as the stream. That the stream of life, the man, could not be a personality unless the foundation from which he flowed was a personality. That the man at his best was a loving personality and that the fountain must likewise be a personality, not a hating personality, but a loving personality, for man at his best loves and the fountain must at least be that high. Scientifically the man who does not believe in the personality of God cannot believe in his own personality. This was the thought that removed the cloud of unbelief from before Prof. Rodger and made clear his religious vision.

The address was that of a careful student and was greatly helpful.

Following are the subjects of the professor's addresses at the Presbyterian church this week:

Monday, 8 p. m.—The Holy Spirit or the Dynamics of Life.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—The Bible or the Revelations of Life.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Prayer, What is It? Its Effects.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—The New Demand, a popular lecture. All the lectures will be given in the Presbyterian church, except the one on Sunday evening. This address will be delivered in the M. E. church at a union service.

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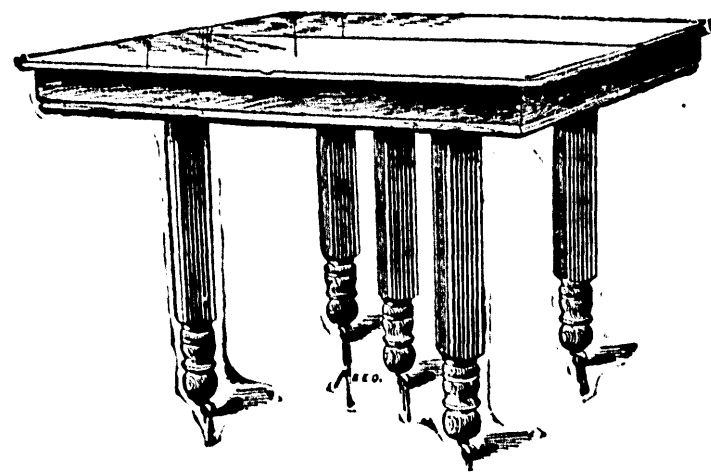
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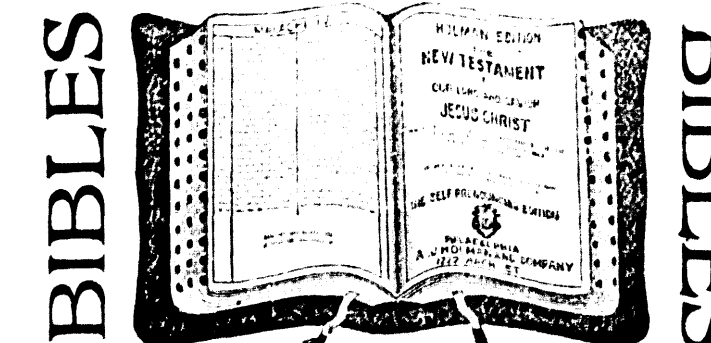
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TWIN CITY TELEPHONE 172.

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1897.

IN the death of Washington Hering Chicago has lost what it could ill spare—one of its few honest politicians. He had his faults, but he was able and he was square. His taking off is another illustration of the proverb that death loves a shining mark.

REV. Frank Dewitt Talmage, the Chicago son of the Washington preacher does not like the idea of making Christmas a bargain day. The modern Christmas giver, he says, is mad if the recipient does not return a better present. The congregation of Mr. Talmage should take the advice and not send Santa Claus down the pastor's chimney.

CHRISTMAS is supposed to be a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, but if Christ could see the special editions which some of our newspapers publish in commemoration of the day he would not recognize the connection. These editions are more suitable to the anniversary of the birth of Tubal Cain, the first artificer.

HON. James O'Donnell of Jackson, has announced that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor next year. The policy of the republican party is to give a good executive two terms and if Pingree is turned down it will be generally believed that the corporations did it and a democrat will be elected to succeed him. Pingree should be nominated by acclamation.

It is a sign of ignorance or inexperience when people laugh at the claims of inventors, and there is a prospect that ere long one of the submarine boats lately invented will be used in a successful attempt to find the wreck of the Chicora. In our local columns we mention the latest of these devices. The people of this city will give a warm welcome to anyone who will institute a search with one of these craft.

THE EVENING NEWS today prints a long list of lake vessels which closed their usefulness this year and have gone out of existence. No better idea of the progress in shipbuilding can be had than from the fact that there are three vessels—a steamer and two towing schooners—building at Bay City, for the Rockefeller fleet that will in their combined carrying capacity exceed the whole of the season's wrecked boats.

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The C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. railways will sell tickets on December 16, 17 and 18 to Canadian points at one way fare for round trip. All good to return until January 7, 1898. Ask agents for full information. GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Ask for the "Columbia" cigar.

Remember Hollis & Son will never be undersold. Get the lowest price on any article and we will discount it. These are close times and we know it.

Smoke "Our Congressman," 5 cents each. 670126

Don't Put Excelsior Water in Cans With Metal Tops.

Manager Peter English, of the Excelsior mineral water company urges with much earnestness against the placing of the mineral water in cans with metal tops.

There are properties in the water that makes it unfit for use when it comes in contact with metal and those who have had the water standing in cans lined with metal are advised to throw it away.

He also states that the use of jugs is dangerous as the water eats the lining off and forms a liquid which also is poisonous.

The company is preparing to condense the water in wooden tanks heated by steam and the salt will be sold in the form of tablets.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For Christmas and New Year holidays, C. & W. M. & D. G. R. & W. Ry. agents will sell tickets at one and one-third fare to stations in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Selling dates December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Return limit January 4.

GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

If you want a fine finish on your goods and a perfect fitting neck band no to the Enterprise laundry. 1603

Have you seen Wallace Bros.' fine line of candy, 110 Pipestone street?

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dislodge colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Tri-Weekly to Chicago.

The steamer City of Duluth will leave Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for Chicago. Fare each way, including berth, \$1. GRAHAM & MORTON TRANS. CO.

Holiday Rates.

On December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 the Big Four will sell tickets at one and one-third fare good to return January 4. Tickets sold to all local points and to all points on connecting lines. I. J. SMITH, Agent.

Cabinet photos \$1.50 at A. D. Lacy's.

J. G. B. ASTENIUS, the tuner from Chicago, will be in Benton Harbor on or about December 13. Leaves orders early, either at Mrs. F. B. Cary's music studio or postoffice box 1134. Mr. Astenius is taking the place of his brother during the month of December. He will stop at Hotel Benton.

Wallace Bros.' candy maker makes fresh taffy every day. 1672

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75c. Sold by G. M. Bell & Co., Druggists, Benton Harbor 108 Main street.



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Bicycles are going at cost at Burk hard's this week. 633tf

Joe Hansen, the tailor, offers a special good bargain in an all wool, heavy weight, imported clays worsted suit for only \$22. Call and see them.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

The Enterprise laundry is now ready for business. Try them for fine work. 1603

The news service of The Chicago Chronicle is complete. Those who have not read this model newspaper lately should send for a sample copy. They are cheerfully sent free.

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Minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day and week by week, the time is drawing near when the doors of the Globe Clothing and Shoe Store will forever close. In the meantime we are making an immense sacrifice in

Clothing, Boots, Rubbers, Trunks and Traveling Bags

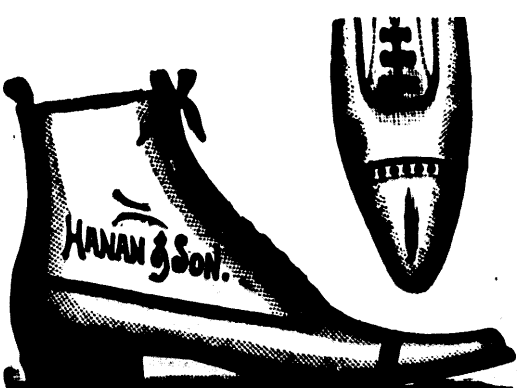
- 20 Men's black wool ulsters, all sizes, wool lined, extra heavy weight, were \$8.00 \$4 50 marked down to \$6.50, now going at
- 30 Men's black and blue wool beaver overcoats, all sizes, this year's production, velvet collars, were \$8.50 each, now going at \$4 50
- 30 Men's all wool suits, small sizes only, both frocks and sacks, mostly dark colors, unparalleled values, were \$12.50 to \$18 each, now going at \$3 00
- 75 Boys' knee pant suits, sizes 4 to 10, heavy weight, dark colors, assorted patterns, were \$3.00 to \$7.50, now \$1 75
- 20 pairs Men's patent and enamel leather shoes, good shapes and sizes, were \$4.00, \$3 00 \$4.50 and \$5.00, now
- 25 pairs Men's Vici kid Balmorals and Congress, with patent tip, new toe, worth \$2.50 to \$3.50, now \$2 39
- 72 pairs Ladies' velvet slippers, worth 69c 85c to \$1.25, now going at
- 24 pairs Ladies' Dongola kid button shoes, all sizes, were \$2.00, now \$1 49

For the Holidays--Christmas Presents, etc., we are prepared to serve you in a substantial way with necessities as well as luxuries that are always preferred.

The Globe Store

113 West Main Street,

Benton Harbor, Mich.



Two instances of various readings, possibly from confusing and I, may be worth giving.

In the Rev. A. B. Grosart's edition of Giles Fletcher's poem, "Christ's Victory and Triumph," the reading in part 8, stanza 44, is, "And as he fought * * * to fly from his own heart." The editor remarks on this, "I read fought, but I am not sure that fought is not intended." In Griffin & Farran's "Ancient and Modern Library" the reading is sought.

In the Wesleyan Methodist Hymn Book (Hymn No. 126, verse 2) the present reading stands:

In nature's strength I sought in vain
For what my God refused to give.
I could not then the mystery gain
Or lord of all my passion live.

This reading appears to have been adopted by John Wesley in 1780, but what Charles Wesley wrote was quite different:

In nature's strength I fought in vain
For what my God refused to give.
I could not then, etc.

—Notes and Queries.

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Tinware, Glassware and Notions at

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

ALGER Guard drill Wednesday night. REGULAR meeting of the common council this evening.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wolf, Baird street, a son, Saturday.

RAPP & Co., employed fourteen clerks in their store last Saturday.

TEETZEL & Haydon will have a large ad in tomorrow's paper. Look for it.

MORROW & Stone are attracting a great deal of attention. In one of their windows they have a living half woman.

DON'T lose sight of the date of The Evening News Newsboys' band concert. It is Wednesday evening, December 29.

Miss Edith Davies is still ahead in the School Dramas contest for the most popular Benton Harbor High school girl.

A DAUGHTER was born Mrs. C. G. Mullen (formerly Miss Annie Kneeland of this city) at her home in Kalamazoo Sunday.

THE Evening News Newsboys' band will meet for practice this evening. There will be no visitors allowed at this rehearsal.

THE Postal Telegraph and Cable company will be open for business the latter part of this week in the Hotel Benton block.

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rose Sunday and Grandpa J. S. LaPoint has assumed all the responsibility in furnishing the cigars.

B. S. ALLEY, agent for Adams Express company here, has put extra help on for the holidays and his wagon will call for and deliver packages anywhere in the city.

WILLIAM Jackson added 16 new members to the lodge of Patricians at Berrien Springs last week and now that is one of the most flourishing courts in the order.

VOLHEIM & Sheldon, the new real-estate men are furnishing their office in room 7 of the Bowman block. Mr. Volheim will continue the blacksmithing business on west Main street.

S. E. DAIGNEAU left for Kalamazoo this afternoon, where he will install a laundry plant in the Battle Creek building. Mr. Daigneau is regarded as one of the most expert laundrymen in the state.

THE Chicago Bargain store is having a larger holiday trade than ever and one of their great drawing cards is the souvenir of a dress pattern given to each purchaser of \$5.00 and upwards. Saturday they presented over fifty.

THE Winona Herald got out an illustrated Christmas edition giving illustrations of its office and its office force. In the spacious office of the advertising manager of the paper, A. C. Root, formerly of this city, sits before the desk.

REV. George A. Sahlin filled the pulpit of the Universalist church at Detroit yesterday morning and was highly pleased with the reception given him there. Mr. Sahlin is indeed a representative preacher of his denomination and one that our city may well be proud of.

D. J. CULLINANE, who is agent for Greening Bros., a nursery firm at Monroe, this state, is anxious to find a Mrs. Lucy Wood. Mrs. Wood sent for a catalogue of trees and states that she wished to purchase several hundred peach trees and the firm referred her to their agent. Naturally Mr. Cullinane would like to find the lady and secure the order.

AT the lecture of Prof. Rodger at the Presbyterian church this evening the following questions will be discussed: What is the difference between your idea of God and the ancient Pantheism? What does the scientific line of thought say regarding the vicarious atonement? What does the scientific line of thought say regarding the test of "the immaculate conception." Does science support the idea of a personal devil?

THE beautiful photograph on exhibition at the First M. E. church last evening was of the famous painting of Munkatsy, of "Christ Before Pilate." It was a Christmas gift to Prof. Rodger and is highly prized. Those beautiful photographs are selling today in Chicago at from \$10 to \$12 framed. If anyone wishes a very appropriate Xmas present and also desires to help the cause of religious education, so much needed, can accomplish both by securing one of these pictures. These can be obtained framed at the low price of \$6.90.

Graff Clarke, Teacher of Violin. Special terms to beginners in classes at Schumann Studio, Hansen building, 116 East Main.

Have glasses fitted by Dr. Antisdale.

Wallace Bros. are giving two bicycles away.

Ladies 14 karat gold cases and Elgin movement at \$22.25 at Hollis & Son's.

Portrait frames ready made and made to order very cheap, at Judson E. Rice's.

The two cigars "Columbia" and "Our Congressman."

Lister's Bone Meal.

This famous bone meal which has stood the test of years may be obtained by leaving orders with H. P. Boehm, Benton Harbor, or with the general agent.

C. H. FARNUM, Hager.

PINGREE'S OPTION VOID.

Venezuelans Repudiate Contract to Sell an Asphalt Lake.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—Governor Pingree's plan to break through the asphalt combine has fallen through a bunko hole in Venezuela.

When his aids, two engineers, attempted to close the bargain and take possession of the asphalt lake in Venezuela they found that the governor's option was valueless. It had not been confirmed by the stockholders of the company which now owns the property and those gentlemen calmly repudiated their president's signature and demanded \$160,000 for the lake instead of \$80,000, the price Pingree had agreed to pay.

It is said that a French company now has an option on the asphalt, and that another American corporation is anxious to buy it. Pingree refused to discuss the matter today.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LaxativeBromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 45c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

HE DISOBEYED ORDERS.

A Brilliant French Officer's First Achievement on the Field of Battle.

Lejeune, the brilliant aid-de-camp of the Marshals Berthier, Davout and Oudinot, gives a very interesting account of his first achievement on the field of battle. The French army was crossing the Alps and found itself compelled to attack at a great disadvantage a town which the Austrians were defending.

Young Lejeune, who was anxious to participate in the engagement, was greatly disappointed when he was ordered to remain at his post in the rear. When the firing began, his heart beat furiously, and as the attack progressed he felt that he could not remain passive while his fellow soldiers were performing deeds of valor.

Believing himself unnoticed, he hurried forward, forgetting that the soldier's first duty is obedience, and just where the fray seemed to be thickest he found himself face to face with his commanding officer. The general looked at the rash young soldier coldly.

"Since you have quitted your post," he said, "you may take this order and recall that company that has gone into a bad position."

Lejeune heard the order with a strange sensation, for this was an errand from which he was not likely to return alive. There was no escape, however, and touching his cap he started on his perilous mission with a quaking heart.

For some distance he crept along behind a pile of rocks that protected him from the fire of the enemy, but at last this shelter came to an end. Before him there remained 100 steps to be taken under the fire of 200 guns pointed straight at him.

To go forward was, he believed, certain death. To go back would be eternal disgrace. The whole army seemed like an amphitheater around him. Should he prove himself a coward or a hero?

"If I die," thought he, "it will be only the just penalty of my disobedience; if I accomplish my mission, I shall have proved that I am worthy yet to fight in the emperor's army."

So thinking, he rushed across the open space amid a storm of cannon balls and musket-shot. Not one of the messengers of death touched him, and as if by a miracle he arrived safe and sound in the French lines. The delivery of that order saved the battalion and decided the destiny of the young officer.

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Children's hemmed hdkfs at 1c

Children's hemstitched hdkfs at 2c

Ladies' hemstitched hdkfs at 5c

Ladies' embroidered hemstitched hdkfs at 5c

Ladies' fine embroidered hdkfs at 10c

Ladies' hemstitched initial hdkfs at 15c

Ladies' fine embroidered hdkfs at 15c

Ladies' fine embroidered hdkfs at 25c

Ladies' fine silk embroidered hdkfs, 25c

Ladies' embroidered silk hdkfs at 10c

Ladies' fine embroidered hdkfs at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

Ladies' plain white hemstitched hdkfs at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 50 cents.

Gents' plain white hemstitched hdkfs at 5c

Gents' fancy border hemstitched hdkfs at 5c

Gents' jap initial hemstitched hdkfs, 15c

Gents' fancy bordered jap hemstitched hdkfs at 15c

Gents' all silk initial hdkfs at 25c

Gents' all silk fancy border hemstitched hdkfs at 25c

Gents' all linen hemstitched hdkfs, 25c

Gents' all silk hemstitched initial hdkfs at 40c

Gents' all silk hemstitched hdkfs at 35c and 50c

Gents' plain white hemstitched hdkfs at 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Gents' fancy border hemstitched hdkfs at 10 and 15 cents.

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No. 2, meets alternate Monday nights, beginning April 13. A. W. CARLEY, Chief; MABEL GERR, Scribe.

LADIES CIRCLE G. A. R. REGULAR
meetings second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 p. m. In G. A. R. hall. Mrs. ELLIEN D. PLUMMER, President; Mrs. NELLIE L. WARD, Secretary.

BENTON DIVISION, COURT NO. 1, ORDER
of Patricians, meets every Friday evening in Modern Woodmen hall. J. H. SELTRIDGER, Justice; W. L. ANDREWS, clerk.

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Tent No. 104, meet at Odd Fellows' hall. Regular review second and fourth Fridays in each month. G. W. FALLES, Com.; R. P. CHADBOCK, R. K.

BENTON LODGE NO. 132, I. O. O. F. MEETS
Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in their lodge room opposite the post office. All visiting brothers are cordially invited. GUY E. MITCHELL, N. G.; GEORGE W. FALLES, Secretary.

LADIES OF THE MACCABEES, BENTON
Hive, No. 545, meet at Odd Fellows' hall, first and third Wednesday nights of each month. EMMA CANTRELL, Commander; MARGARET MURRAY, Record Keeper.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—BANNER
Camp No. 40 commencing April 30, meet every other Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at G. A. R. hall on West Main street. Visiting coverings will be cordially received. JOHN F. GERLING, Consul Commander; JOHN F. HARPER, Clerk.

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8:45 1:25 11:30 Grand Rapids 10:35 6:30

12:10 3:50 3:00 Benton Harbor 10:30 9:05 3:00

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Trains leave Grand Rapids for Lansing and

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Parlor cars on all trains; seats 25 cents.

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No. 23 leaves Benton Harbor at 7:00 a. m. for

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mediate points. No. 27 leaves at 5:00 p. m. for

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5:15 10:30 St. Joseph 2:15 9:15

5:45 11:08 Baroda 1:51 9:15

6:12 11:29 Gallon 1:36 9:15

7:00 12:08 South Bend 12:53 9:30

7:20 12:29 Logansport 10:36

7:45 12:45 Indianap. 7:00 9:00 p.m.

8:35 Terre Haute 6:20

p.m.

...any university in America, in defiance of any telescope projected from the roof of that university. The book of Jonah has been the target of ridicule for the small wit of ages, but there it stands, with its four chapters inviolate, while geology puts up in its museums remains of sea monsters capable of doing more than the one which swallowed the recalcitrant prophet. There stand the 1,089 chapters of the Bible notwithstanding all the attacks of ages, and there they will stand until they shrivel up in the final fires, which geologists say are already kindled and glow hotter than the furnaces of an ocean steamer as it puts out from New York Narrows for Hamburg or Southampton.

I should not wonder if from the crypt of ancient cities the inspired manuscripts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, in their own chirography, would be taken, and the epistles which Paul dictated to his amanuensis as well as the one in the apostle's own handwriting. At the same ratio of archaeological and geological confirmation of the Scriptures the time will come when the truth of the Bible will no more be doubted than the commonplaces of manna, which tells us of the days and the months of the year, and the unbelievers will be accounted harmless lunatics. Forward the telescope and the spectroscopic and the chemical batteries and critically examine the ostracodes of the ocean depths and the bones of the great mammals on the gravely hillsides! And the mightier, and the grander, and the deeper, and the higher the explorations the better for our cause. As sure as the thunderbolts of the Almighty are stronger than the steel pens of agnostics, the ark of God will ride on unhurt and Uzzah need not fear any disasters upsetting. The apocalyptic angel flying through the midst of heaven, proclaiming to all nations and kindred and people and tongues the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ are mightier than the shying off of a yoke of oxen.

The God of the Rocks.

The geology of the Bible shows that our religion is not a namby pamby, nerveless, dilettantish religion. It was projected and has been protected by the God of the rocks. Religion a balm? Oh, yes. Religion a soothing power? Oh, yes. Religion a beautiful sentiment? Oh, yes. But we must have a God of the rocks, a mighty God to defend, an omnipotent God to achieve, a force able to overcome all other forces in the universe. Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley is he, combination of all gentleness and tenderness and sweetness? Oh, yes. But if the mighty forces now arrayed for the destruction of the nations are to be met and conquered, we must have a God of the rocks. The "Lion of Judah's tribe," as well as the "Lamb who was slain." One hundred and thirty times does the Bible speak of the rock as defense, as armament, as refuge, as overpowering strength. David, the psalmist, lived among the rocks, and they reminded him of the Almighty, and he ejaculates, "The Lord liveth; blessed be my rock." "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." And then, as if his prayer had been answered, he feels the strength come into his soul, and he cries out, "The Lord is my rock." "He shall set me up upon a rock."

Would the Bible present a sublime picture of motherly desperation in defense of her children, it shows us Hiphah on the rock for three months with disheveled hair and wild screams fighting back vultures and jackals from the corpses of her sons. Would the Bible set forth the hardness of the heart and the power of gospel to overcome it, it tells us of the "hammer that breaketh the rocks in pieces." Would our Lord represent the durability of his church against all assault he says, "Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Would he close his sermon on the mount with a peroration that would resound through centuries, standing on a rock so high that it overlooks Lake Galilee to the right and on a clear day overlooks the Mediterranean to the left, I hear him stamp his foot on the rock beneath him as he cries to the surging multitudes at the base of that rock, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." Ah, my friends, we want a sturdy, a stalwart, a brawny religion. We have a great many people who can sit and gently rock the cradle of their infantile hopes, and can faintly smile when good is accomplished, and walk softly through a sickroom, and live inoffensive lives, and manage to tread on no one's prejudices, and their religion is at the best when the wind is from the northwest and the thermometer at 70 degrees F., and they have their spheres, and may God prosper them. But we want in this great battle for God against the allied forces of perdition some John Knoxes, some Martin Luthers—men of nerve and faith and prowess, like the Huguenots, and the pilgrim fathers and the Dutch at Leyden kicking back the enemy until the tides of the sea came in. Lord, God of the rocks, help us in this awful struggle, in which heaven or hell is bound to beat!

How much the rocks have had to do with the cause of God in all ages! In the wilderness God's Israel were fed with honey out of the rock. How the rock of Horeb paid Moses back in gushing, rippling, sparkling water for the two stout strokes with which he struck it! And there stands the rock with name—I guess the longest word in the Bible—selah-hammalekoth, and it was worthy of a resounding, sequeledalian nomenclature, for at that rock Saul was compelled to quit his pursuit of David and go home and look after the Philistines, who were making a flank movement. There were the rocks of Bozrah and Senah, between which Jonathan climbed up and sent flying in retreat the garrison of the uncircumcised. And yonder see David and his men hidden in the rock of Adullam and Engedi.

Divine Deliberation.

But while I go on with my study of the geology of the Bible, or God among the rocks, I get a more intelligent and helpful idea of divine deliberation. These rocks

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Our qualities at the price have not been matched and will not be beaten in 1897.

The warm weather has left us with more Underwear than we should have at this season, and we will make prices that should clear the tables and benefit consumers.

We have 15 dozen Men's natural grey, double breasted, fleece lined shirts, with drawers to match, will be closed out, the suit for

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A few Silk Ribbons still in stock, Nos. 5 to 40, at the old price of 5c and 10c. In Handkerchiefs we cannot mention the many styles and prices. One of the desirable things is a Gents' finehemstitched, full size, Silkaline, at 12c, and a Ladies' white, all linen, hemstitched, 8c each.

Our Grocery Dept. is Becoming More Complete

Every day and the prices continue to make it popular. If you have trouble in getting a tea or coffee to suit, just give us a trial. Our blended goods cannot be beat, and prices range from 12c for a good fresh roasted Santos coffee to 40c for the best goods shown in this city.

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Also mixed candies at 6c lb. in 1-lb packages only. Mixed nuts at 10c qt. Raisins at all prices.

Family Lard at 5c lb. Michigan Family Soap, 10 bars 25c. True Bros. Pure Buckwheat Flour at 24c lb.

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the growth of thousands of years, and, geology says, of millions of years, ought to show the prolongation of God's plans and cure our impatience because things are not done in short order. Men without seeing it become critical of the Almighty and think, Why does he not do this and that and do it right away? We feel sometimes as if we could not wait. Well, I guess we will have to wait. God is never in a hurry except about two things. His plans, sweeping through eternity, are beyond our comprehension. They have such wide circle, such vastness of revolution, such infinitude that we cannot compass them. Indeed he would not be much of a God whom we could thoroughly understand. That would not be much of a father who had no thoughts or plans larger than his babe of 1 year could compass. If God takes millions of years to make one rock, do not let us become critical if he

takes 20 years or a century or several centuries to do that which we would like to have done immediately. Do not repeat the folly of those who conclude there is no God or that he is not in sympathy with the right and the good because he does not do certain things in the time we set apart for their performance. Do not let us hold our little watch, with its tiny hour hand and minute hand, and try to correct the clock of the universe, its pendulum taking 500 years to swing this way and 500 years to swing that way. Do not let us set up our little spinning wheel beside the loom in which God weaves sunrises and sunsets and auroras. We have the best of authority for saying that "one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." Do not expect that Uzzah's oxen, even if they do not shy off, but go straight ahead, can keep up with the fire shed lightnings.

But that was not a slip of the tongue when I said that God is never in a hurry except in two things. Those two things are when he goes to save a repentant sinner and comfort a praying mourner. The one divine hurry was set forth in the parable of the prodigal son when it says, "The father ran." He was old, and I suppose had as much as he could do to walk, but the sight of his barefooted boy coming home limbered the stiff knees and lengthened the shortened pace of the old man in an athletic stride. "The father ran!" Put it into your oratorios. Sound it with full orchestra. Repent it through all heavens, "The father ran!" O soul farthest off, come back, and God, your Father, will come out to meet you at full run! The other time when God is in a hurry is when a troubled soul calls for comfort. Then the Bible represents the divine gait and swing and velocity by the reindeer, saying, "Be thou like a roe or a young hart on the mountains of Bether." That pa-

thesis I put in thinking that there may be some repentant sinner who wants to find pardon or some mourning soul who needs comfort, and therefore I mention the two things about which God is in a great hurry.

Truth of the Omnipotent.

But concerning all the vast things of God's government of the universe be patient with the carrying out of plans beyond our measurement. Naturalists tell us that there are insects that are born and die within an hour and that there are several generations of them in one day, and if one of those July insects of an hour should say: "How slow everything goes! I was told in the chrysalis state by a wonderful instinct that I would find in this world seasons of the year—spring, summer, autumn and winter. But where are the autumnal forests upholstered in fire, and where are the glorious springtimes, with orchards waving their censers of perfume before the altars of the morning? I do not believe there are any autumns or springtimes." If, then, a golden eagle, many years old, in a cage nearby, heard the hum of that complaining insect, it might well answer "O summer insect of an hour, though your life is so short you cannot see the magnificent turn of the seasons, I can testify as to their reality, for I have seen them roll. When I was young, and before I was imprisoned in this cage, I brushed their gorgeous leafage and their fragrant blossoms with my own wing. You live an hour. I have lived 30 years. But in one of my flights high up, the gate of heaven open for a soul to go in or a scorch to come out, I heard the choirs chanting, 'From everlasting to everlasting thou art God!' And it was an anthym in which all heaven responded, 'From everlasting to everlasting thou art God.' O man! O woman! So far as your earthly existence is concerned, only the insect of an hour, be not impatient with the workings of the Omnipotent and the Eternal!"

And now, for your solace and your safety, I ask you to come under the shelter, and into the deep clefts, and the almighty defense of a rock that is higher than you, higher than any Gibraltar, higher than the Himalayas—the Rock of Ages—that will shelter you from the storm; that will hide you from your enemies; that will stand when the earthquakes of the last day hurl them into seas boiling with the fires which are already burning their way out from red hot centers toward the surfaces which are already here and there spouting with fire amid the quaking of the mountains under the look and touch of him of whom it is said in the sublimest sentence ever written: "He looketh upon the mountains, and they tremble. He toucheth the hills, and they smoke."

He who one and all to the Rock of Ages. And now as before this sermon on the rocks I gave out the significant and appropriate hymn "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord" I will give out after this sermon on the rocks the significant and appropriate hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee!

Those wishing photos for Christmas should come early and avoid the rush at A. D. Leary's.

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Take Sweeney's Cathartic, 10c or 50c
If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Smoke the "Columbia" 5 cent cigar.

The Mission of Literature.

Tennyson's "In Memoriam" is as noble an example as modern literature affords of this first and noblest mission of letters. Though entitled an "elegy" and written to commemorate the virtues of the poet's personal friend—and in this sense appropriately restricted in its range—it takes up and develops the great ideas of God and the universe, of man and the soul and duty and destiny, of life and death and immortality, of good and evil, right and wrong, of science, philosophy, ethics and religion—so as, in a word, virtually to cover the spacious area of truth and to make the reader feel that he is dealing with the profoundest problems of earth and heaven. Hence "In Memoriam" is something more and greater than a mere poem. It is a kind of compendium of theology and philosophy, of the divinites and humanities in new and striking form, furnishing food for thought to every thinking man who reads it.

Hence in our mind the fame of Tennyson and its permanence rest more upon such a product as this than upon any other of his works. "Maud," "The Princess," "Lady Godiva," "Enoch Arden," are choice and attractive poems, but scarcely to be cited in the same connection with this poetic masterpiece.

Similarly rich in these qualities is the marvelous genius of the Shakespearean drama, making that classification just which insists upon placing Shakespeare by himself, as having no legitimate rival in the province of English literature. Most of the Shakespearean plays evince this first condition of literary greatness in their respective embodiment of some great thought.—Professor Theodore W. Hunt in Forum.

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Notice of Special Assessment.

To Alger & Pool, Phil Prescott, Larkin & Pullen, Kate Saylor, Samuel McGuigan, Mrs. M. Downing, Jones & Sonner, Charles A. Hartman, James Lason, L. W. Clodfelter, H. Merry, estate George W. Moore, Mrs. S. A. Wians, M. V. Buchanan, estate Thomas Spires, M.K. Draper, Gust. Amundsen, John Schairer, A. R. Nowlen, Edward Jerue, John Fonger, and all other persons interested:

Take notice that the roll of the special assessment heretofore made by the board of assessors for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which the city council decided should be paid and borne by special assessment for the construction of a lateral sewer on Seventh street, from Main to Oak streets, in the city of Benton Harbor, is now on file in my office for public inspection. Notice is also hereby given that the city council and board of assessors of the city of Benton Harbor will meet at the council room in said city on Monday, December 20, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given all persons interested to be heard.

Dated December 7, 1897.

675412 R. P. CHADDOCK, city clerk.

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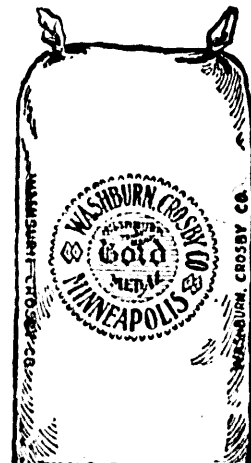
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Notice.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Benton Harbor Electric Railway and Transit company, for increasing the number of directors from six to seven and for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come properly before the meeting, will be held in the offices of the company at Benton Harbor, Michigan, on Wednesday the 12th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated at Benton Harbor, Michigan, December 9, 1897.

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BANK NOTICE.
Treasury Department
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C., September 21, 1897.
Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against "The First National Bank of Benton Harbor, Michigan," that the same must be presented to Daniel B. Anger, receiver with the legal proof thereof, within three months from this date, or they may be forever barred.
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

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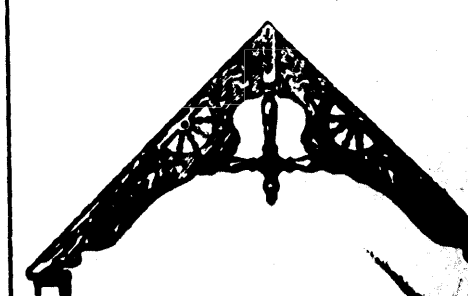
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FOR CHRISTMAS.

Congressman Hamilton Fills Up Several Stockings.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congressman Hamilton has secured a good Christmas present for one of his constituents, Henry D. Long, of Jones, Cass county, and it is in shape of a pension for \$8 a month from July 20, 1890, and \$10 a month from June 16, 1897. The total amount of back pay is about \$800.

He has also recommended Mrs. Ida Harbell as postmistress at Naomi, Berrien county.

He presented to the house Saturday a petition, signed by J. K. P. McCollough, postmaster of Berrien, and 75 others, in favor of postal savings banks.

SOME HOT SHOTS.

Commissioner of Insurance Attacks the Iowa Company Again.

Lansing, Dec. 20.—Insurance Commissioner Campbell, whose recent attack on the National Church Mutual Fire Insurance company, of Lisbon, Ia., brought forth a vigorous reply, has "come at 'em" again. He speaks of "evasive, misleading and hypocritical argument" and then says:

"1. You are not authorized to do business in this state.

"2. You are not even authorized or chartered to do business in the state of Iowa where you pretend to have a home office.

"3. You have no financial responsibility.

"4. You have sent your circulars and letters over this state soliciting the insurance of Michigan churches. You have directed these communications to ministers and others of our citizens, who, if they were to act upon the same, as you request, would become criminals under the laws of this state."

"Your perfidy consists in the misrepresentation, fraud upon the state in escaping taxation, inducement of others to commit crimes, personal cowardice and pious hypocrisy.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

Lawyer's Charge Against a Brother Member.

Rattle Creek, Dec. 18.—A great sensation has been created in this city because of the serious charge made by one lawyer of this city against another. The Consolidated Steel & Wire company of Detroit has a claim against the Homer Steel Fence company of this city in the present term of court for \$4,000. Now Lawyer C. R. Mains comes forward and presents an affidavit that on November 13 Stephen S. Hulbert, of this city, the attorney for the Consolidated Steel & Wire company, came into his office and accepted \$3,000 in full in settlement of the claim. The charge is the most serious one ever made against a lawyer in this city and has caused a decided sensation.

MONEY GOING BEGGING.

Banks Ask the Auditors to Reduce Interest Rate.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—The City Savings Bank, which has \$250,000 of county money on deposit, wrote the county auditors Saturday, asking them to accept a reduction in interest from 3 to 2 1/2 per cent. The First National bank, which holds a similar amount, also wrote to the county treasurer on the same matter. No action was taken by the auditors, but Auditor Burt said Saturday night that they would look around Monday and see what could be done with the other banks.

Disappointed in love Clara Sackett of Cass City tried to commit suicide.

Navigation on the lakes is continuing later this year than ever before.

Students at the Agricultural college can get board for \$1.35 per week.

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Canadian Holiday Excursions.

The C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. railways will sell tickets on December 16, 17 and 18 to Canadian points at one way fare for round trip. All good to return until January 7, 1898. Ask agents for full information.

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